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REMARKS

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1. On 16 March 1953, 12 field grade officers with black-bordered red epaulets, and 13 field grade officers with red-bordered black epaulets, including 5 colonels, were observed at the officers' club in the former Stadtseele in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Four artillery pieces with muzzle brake, 5 trucks and a field kitchen were seen in the garages west of the former Kreisgericht. Jeep [] and truck [] were observed in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. The barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, passed the barrier.

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2. On 16 March, 2 T-34 tanks, 4 half-track vehicles and 8 trucks were parked at Camp Spratzern, south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Ten groups of about 10 EM each were engaged in close-order drill without rifles. About 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets did rifle firing practice at the range south of the installation. Vehicles observed included: truck [] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets; and trucks [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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3. On 18 March, truck [] and jeeps [] the office on Hoven Gasse in Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). The vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. There was little activity at the Albrechts Kaserne. No parked artillery pieces or vehicles were seen, and no vehicle traffic was observed at the installation. Six 37-mm AA guns and 6 trucks were seen in the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf. About 20 EM stood near three ballistic directors. Jeeps [] and trucks [] were observed at the installation. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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4. On 18 March, about 50 soldiers with rifles drilled at the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the installation. Two 85-mm AA guns were cleaned at the Artillerie Kaserne. About 30 soldiers were

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engaged in rifle drill. Trucks [redacted]
driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the
installation.

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[redacted] Comment. The reports from St. Poelten, Camp Spratzern, Korneu-
burg and Stockerau confirm the previous occupation. The little
activity observed at the Albrechts Kaserne in Korneuburg indicates
that contingents of the 23rd AAA Div left Korneuburg for firing
practices. [redacted]

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